

I enjoyed working for the majority of them. Everyone had a little different style, which made it more interesting."

Some notable moments included being summoned to the office of J. Edgar Hoover, who wanted to give her a 10-year anniversary pin for her service.

"He was very, very nice, very formal," recalled Parsons.

She also remembers the time she spoke with Shirley Temple. Her boss in the early 1950s, who was from California, had friends in Hollywood. One day, he asked her to get the address on the phone.

"I gave her my name. I said, 'I think I've seen all your movies.' . . . I had to tell her that."

Parsons was always discreet about discussing her work. She wouldn't even share FBI information with her husband, who drove her to work every day until his death in 1967.

With leisure at hand, she plans to continue with ballroom dancing and keep up with her favorite television program, "JAG."

Other than that, "I have no plans. . . . I can't help but miss [the FBI]. I mean, I've been here for over 62 years. It will probably take a while to get adjusted."

COMMENDING MS. SUSAN FULLER

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express gratitude to Santa Clara County's outstanding librarian, Susan A. Fuller, who has announced her retirement after 37 years serving Santa Clara County. Susan has performed her duties with great dedication and leadership. Her work will be missed, but always appreciated.

During Susan's service as County Librarian, the library was ranked first in the nation for its size in Hennen's American Public Library Index for the year 2000. Susan had the responsibility of working with the staff and elected officials of ten jurisdictions to restructure the County Library after tax shifts that caused a 40 percent revenue loss.

One of Susan's most notable accomplishments was her ability to build library use from 2,500,000 materials in circulation in 1985 to nearly 8,450,000 materials in 2001. Her loyalty during a time of great stress in California libraries reflects her enthusiasm and strength. Furthermore, her welcoming personality enabled her to develop trusting relationships with ten district jurisdictions.

During her time with the library, Susan showed her interest in improving library services through renovation and increased electronic services. She was honored with Library Journal's title of National Librarian of the Year 1998. In 1995, she received both the "Outstanding Public Administrator of the Year" and "Outstanding Public Program of the Year" awards from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the American Society of Public Administrators. In 1991, Susan also negotiated two highly politicized censorship issues: the rights of minors to access material on video and through the Internet.

Susan has been a true role model for the community, and has excelled in many facets of her job since she earned her Masters in Library Science from the University of California

at Berkeley. Susan has, however, made many intangible contributions during her career as well. She has always demonstrated a firm commitment to the principle of protected access to knowledge and information, access she believes should be equally available to all citizens. She has stood firm in the face of censorship, and has fought for freedom of speech when it has been attacked by not only lawmakers but also from others within the library system who would compromise this important cornerstone of American democracy. Her work is commendable, and the ideals that drive her are equally remarkable.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to honor Susan Fuller before the House. I extend my congratulations and warmest wishes to Susan for her commendable contributions.

HONORING JAKE SCHEIDEMAN FOR BEING WORLD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jake Scheideman for his humanitarian work in Nicaragua and his dedication to both his local community and the world. As a resident of my hometown of St. Helena, California, Jake has inspired the people around him as well as the people of Nicaragua. He has been recognized as one of St. Helena's World Citizens of the Year.

Jake Scheideman has spent the last decade traveling between the United States and Nicaragua on a mission to build a baseball field in the small town of Matagalpa, Nicaragua. He has raised over \$50,000 for the project and has brought dozens American volunteers to Nicaragua to assist with the building of the dugouts and backstops. He has been helped by General Charles Wilhelm, General Carrion of the Nicaraguan Military, Ambassador Oliver Garza as well as many others. The involvement of so many distinguished people attest to Jake's ability to motivate and inspire.

However, where Jake's mark is most visible is in the community where he worked. The residents of Matagalpa, Nicaragua and its surrounding areas have come to call the project the "Field of Dreams." An American Flag flies beside the Nicaraguan Flag and is proudly raised at every game.

Jake Scheideman received a Bachelors Degree in Business Management from Pacific Union College in 1991. After graduation Jake moved to St. Helena where he quickly became involved in the community. He was a Parks and Recreation Commissioner for six years, a member of the Napa Valley Conference and Visitors Bureau Board for four years and was President of the St. Helena Merchant Association. He has been active in the St. Helena Chamber of Commerce, serving as its President in 1999. He also founded important community events and organizations. Jake has been a Volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician for the St. Helena Volunteer Fire Department for twelve years.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the achievements of Jake Scheideman. At a time when this country is feeling the repercussions of the inhumane acts of September 11th

and needs positive inspiration, Jake Scheideman reminds us of the humanity and compassion that is still out there.

UNITED WE STAND

HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention today an exemplary poem written by a wonderful young American, Kristina McLain. It is a forceful poem that I believe will inspire other young people in our wonderful country. I am grateful that her proud grandmother, Jacqueline McLain, took time to forward this poem to me, and I hope my colleagues will take time to read these moving words.

UNITED WE STAND

An Attack on our country
Up way in the skies
Planes into towers
As we say our goodbyes
Stranded at the top
Are so many lives
So many running
Striving to survive
Through fear and pain
So many lives will be changed
With such a catastrophe like this
So many will be missed
Did they notice
How many lives were torn
Did they notice
That a whole new nation was born
We need to fight back
And know that we can
After this dreadful attack
United we stand

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: AMERICA'S NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

HON. BART STUPAK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for a highly successful community-based crime prevention program known as National Night Out. NNO, which will occur on August 6, 2002, is widely known as America's night out against crime where people in thousands of communities take to the streets to support their communities.

Since 1984, the NNO has promoted neighborhood watch programs and established police community partnerships in the fight against crime. It has expanded from a program involving 2.5 million people in 400 communities in 1984 to nearly 33 million people in 10,000 communities in 2002. National Night Out, which receives part of its funding from the Byrne Grant program, is one of the fastest growing, cost effective community anti-crime programs in the nation.

National Night Out was created by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), a nonprofit, community crime prevention membership organization in Wynnewood, PA. NATW develops relationships between the local community and law enforcement officers

in order to build safer and more secure neighborhoods to reduce crime, decrease local violence, and lower the demand for drugs. NATW provides information, program support and technical assistance to its associated members, which include Neighborhood, Crime, Community, Town and Block Watch groups, law enforcement agencies, state and regional crime prevention organizations, businesses, civic groups, and community volunteers.

I greatly support the mission of NATW and National Night Out, and in past Congresses have introduced resolutions in recognition of NNO, and have supported continued funding for the program. The House passed resolutions in support of National Night Out in 2000 and 2001.

This year I have again introduced a resolution expressing support of the House for this important event. H. Res. 437 commends National Night Out and encourages the President and his administration to focus appropriate attention on neighborhood crime prevention and community policing, and to coordinate federal efforts to participate in "National Night Out", including supporting local efforts, neighborhood watches and local officials to provide homeland security.

I am grateful to Chairman SENSENBRENNER and the Judiciary Committee for last week's voice vote passage of this resolution, and I thank Chairman SENSENBRENNER for his great help on this issue.

Recently the Senate passed Senators BIDEN and SPECTER's companion resolution on NNO, S. Res. 284. The Senators have also authored an op-ed that appeared in several newspapers, highlighting NNO, neighborhood watch, volunteerism and community-crime prevention. I commend the op-ed written by Senators BIDEN and SPECTER and request that it be included in the RECORD.

Neighborhood Watch and community crime prevention are especially important in the aftermath of September 11th and I encourage my colleagues to participate in NNO on August 6th.

HOW NEIGHBORS CAN HELP THWART TERRORISM

(By Joseph R. Biden and Arlen Specter)

Remember when neighbors knew neighbors? Remember front porches? Remember hot summer nights when families sat on the front stoop and talked over the fence?

On Aug. 6 of this year, more than 33 million people in 9,700 communities from all 50 states will participate in the 19th-annual National Night Out to revitalize the America's neighborhood spirit and remind us of a time when neighbors routinely looked out for one another, and everyone knew the cop on the beat. This year, as our nation recovers from the shock of Sept. 11, we encourage everyone to participate.

This will be a National Night Out Against Crime, and we urge every citizen from coast to coast to turn on outside lights, to look over the fence and open the gates, get to know your neighbors, meet with local police, and participate in block parties and parades.

In concert with the National Association of Town Watch, National Night Out has been at the forefront of community crime prevention and neighborhood watch for nearly two decades, encouraging citizens to become active supporters and caretakers of their communities.

The effort involves citizens in all 50 states who volunteer to make a difference by leading anti-crime efforts in their communities—restoring the sense that we are all members

of a community and that our common concerns and shared values are as important as individual rights. When we act together, and look out for one another, our communities become safer and fundamentally better places in which to live and raise our families.

One of the reasons we so strongly support the concept of neighborhood watch is that it literally grew up in our back yard. The seeds of National Night Out were planted in our tri-state area of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware nearly two decades ago.

What began in a few mid-Atlantic states has now grown to become a national grassroots event supporting communities organized in local chapters to fight crime year round. It is an amazing event when you consider that currently one out of every nine Americans participates.

We believe in a neighborhood watch concept because it works. Studies show that 95 percent of all police arrests are the direct result of a citizen phone call. They also show that neighborhood watch programs effectively lower crime rates.

Neighborhood Watch programs, like those championed during the National Night Out event, have been a valuable part of crime and drug prevention for decades. Today, crime watch programs also can play an important role in heightening awareness to combat terrorism and uniting neighborhoods to respond and assist one another in the event of emergencies.

At a time when homeland security is on the minds of everyone, we support every effort to bring Americans together by persuading them to volunteer in their communities.

With the nation on a permanent terror alert, neighborhood volunteers can play a crucial role in identifying potential dangers and, if need be, alerting law enforcement and emergency officials. Psychologically, the knowledge that trusted members of our community are providing an extra measure of security should reassure everyone.

We applaud every effort to support Neighborhood Watch because it is about building community, preventing crime, and, now, thwarting terrorism. Working side by side with local law enforcement, neighborhood crime watch groups are an invaluable resource.

The tragic events of last Sept. 11 reminded us of the importance of family and friends, faith, neighbors, and communities. It also reminded us how closely all of America's communities are linked.

Every year, National Night Out serves as a great opportunity for Americans to get to know their neighbors, become involved in their communities, and show their sense of patriotism.

This Aug. 6, National Night Out will bring Americans together again to help make a difference, one doorstep at a time. Let's all be part of it.

COMMEMORATING THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF ASIAN HOLOCAUST OF WWII (1931-1945)

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Eugene Wei on the grand opening of the American Museum of Asian Holocaust, located at 400 Taylor Avenue in Falls Creek, Pennsylvania. The museum came about as a result of Mr. Wei's vision. I com-

mend Mr. Wei for having the foresight to create such an important learning institution.

The mission statement of the museum is "to remember those events of World War Two in Asia, preserve them through photographs, written word and multimedia, and to educate the public now and in the future so that the wounds of the past may be healed through repentance of the perpetrators and forgiveness from the victims and their families."

This museum will have photographic exhibits of the Asian Holocaust of World War Two, which was perpetrated by the invading and occupying forces of Japan in Asian countries including China, Korea, the Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, and Malaysia, as well as stories of the American defense of Bataan and Corregidor. The museum will tell the story of the plight of the American POWs who were forced to work for Japanese companies as slave laborers in coal mines, shipyards, copper mines and steel mills and their horrible hell ships experiences.

Existing exhibits made by the Alliance for Preserving the Truth of Sino-Japanese War (APTSJW) on the Rape of Nanking, Comfort Women, and Japanese Unit 731 biological and chemical warfare, will be on display at the museum as well. A special display on anthrax attacks in China by Japan during the years 1942-1944 will also be shown.

I commend Eugene Wei for educating the public about the atrocities that took place in the Pacific Theater during World War Two. This is not an easy history to tell, but it must be told so that we do not repeat it in the future. Mr. Speaker, I encourage all those who have the opportunity, to visit this important museum.

MINNESOTA'S 10TH ANNUAL STAND DOWN

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 2002

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Minnesota's 10th annual Stand Down, held August 1-4, 2002.

Minnesota Stand Down is an annual event that provides homeless veterans and their families with a break from the daily struggles of unemployment, personal issues, and medical and legal problems. Over the past nine years, 3900 volunteers have gathered on the banks of the Mississippi River to give their time and energy serving thousands of homeless and near homeless veterans and their families. The unified efforts of these volunteers provide a brief, yet welcoming, respite for those veterans who face the struggles of the street and the despair of poverty.

I am proud to be a cosponsor of a bill recognizing the merits of Stand Downs and increasing the number of Stand Downs in America. H.R. 3271, the Bruce Vento Stand Down Act, will enact a pilot program authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct and participate in at least one Stand Down in every state. This effort will also increase the number of Stand Downs in America through a partnership between the Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans' service organizations, and community volunteers in coordinating Stand Down events for our nation's homeless veterans.